NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PETER J. SCHMITT, PRESIDING OFFICER

RULES COMMITTEE

PETER J. SCHMITT, CHAIRMAN

1550 Franklin Avenue Mineola, New York

June 18, 2012 5:50 p.m.

REGAL REPORTING SERVICES 516-747-7353

A P P E A R A N C E S:

PETER J. SCHMITT Chair

HOWARD KOPEL

DENNIS DUNNE (Not Present)

VINCENT MUSCARELLA (Sitting in for Dennis Dunne)

ROSE MARIE WALKER

KEVAN ABRAHAMS Ranking

JUDY JACOBS

WAYNE WINK

WILLIAM J. MULLER III, Clerk

LIST OF SPEAKERS

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	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Bill.
3	CLERK MULLER: Legislator Wink?
4	LEGISLATOR WINK: Here.
5	CLERK MULLER: Legislator Jacobs?
6	LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Yes.
7	CLERK MULLER: Ranking Member Abrahams?
8	LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.
9	CLERK MULLER: Legislator Walker?
10	LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.
11	CLERK MULLER: Legislator Muscarella,
12	substituting for Legislator Dunne?
13	LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.
14	CLERK MULLER: Vice Chairman Kopel?
15	LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.
16	CLERK MULLER: Legislator Schmitt?
17	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Here.
18	CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.
19	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Thank you, sir.
20	The first item is A-22 we're going to
21	call them together. $A-22$ and $A-23$, which are two
22	contracts. One is between the Department of
23	Public Works and G.P. Jager Associates, replacing
24	of tanks at the Cedar Creek Water Control Plant.
25	The other is between DPW and Aggreko LLC., for

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2	emergency rental of generators for the Bay Park
3	Sewage Treatment Plant.
4	May I have a motion, please?
5	LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.
6	LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.
7	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by Legislator
8	Walker, seconded by Legislator Kopel.
9	Any explanations that we need?
10	MR. FASADO: Yep. Hi. Mike Fasado,
11	DPW. The first one for Jager is a bid for
12	replacement parts for the three grit tanks, the
13	removal of grit. These tanks are at Cedar Creek.
14	These parts are necessary to keep the tanks in
15	service. The plant operates two tanks, 24 hours
16	a day, seven days a week. We perform maintenance
17	on the tank that's on standby, and that's the
18	need for these parts.
19	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Any questions?
20	(No verbal response.)
21	Any public comment?
22	(No verbal response.)
23	All those in favor please say aye.
24	(Aye.)
25	Any opposed?

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2	(No verbal response.)
3	The ayes have it.
4	Thank you.
5	E-138 is a resolution authorizing the
6	county executive to execute an amendment to a
7	personal services agreement between the County of
8	Nassau, acting on behalf of the Department of
9	Traffic and Parking Violations Agency and the
10	American Traffic Solutions, Incorporated.
11	May I have a motion, please?
12	LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.
13	LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.
14	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by Legislator
15	Walker, seconded by Legislator Muscarella.
16	Welcome, Judge Marks.
17	JUDGE MARKS: Good afternoon.
18	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Good afternoon.
19	This is an amendment to your contract
20	relating to red light cameras, is it not?
21	JUDGE MARKS: I believe there are two
22	contracts, one with ATS. Currently, it's a flat-
23	rate fee for cameras, for the rental of the red
24	light camera to cover the expenses. It's
25	currently \$4900 per camera, per month. The

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of liability, which should take out of question

any incentive by ATS to increase the number of

violations, to increase their take. It doesn't

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2	work that way.
3	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Any questions?
4	(No verbal response.)
5	Any public comment?
6	(No verbal response.)
7	This is now going this amendment that
8	you've negotiated, this is also to install the 50
9	additional cameras that have been authorized?
10	JUDGE MARKS: That is correct.
11	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: And the changes
12	JUDGE MARKS: Fifth intersections.
13	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: And the changes and
14	the percentages and so forth affects the entire
15	100?
16	JUDGE MARKS: Yes. And it's going to, I
17	believe there's a projection of a \$3 million
18	savings in the first year.
19	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Okay.
20	LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Can I just ask a
21	quick question?
22	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Sure.
23	LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Judge Marks, what
24	makes you feel that the percentage-based payment
25	will actually save the county money?

JUDGE MARKS: It's the same firm that had the other -- that was approved by this

a credible concern that we're going with.

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2	about, give or take, 200 cameras. And how many
3	thousands are we giving away per camera?
4	JUDGE MARKS: Currently, under this
5	contract it's \$5,000 per camera, per month.
6	LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So 200 time 5,000, I
7	can do the arithmetic, it's a lot of money. You
8	can hire a bunch of people.
9	JUDGE MARKS: It's not just the camera.
10	But if somebody comes in are we going to set up
11	another computer system for their system?
12	LEGISLATOR KOPEL: I don't have the
13	numbers. I'm asking if it was considered.
14	JUDGE MARKS: What I'm saying is it's
15	not really viable because if one company comes in
16	a new company comes in, they have the initial
17	outlay of setting up what ATS already has set up.
18	They need a computer system that would be
19	compatible with ours, compatible with ATS, would
20	negotiate with ATS to buy out their existing
21	LEGISLATOR KOPEL: I understand. I'm
22	asking if it was considered. Did you go through
23	the exercise of billed versus rental, billed
24	versus buy, so to speak, in this case.
25	JUDGE MARKS: If we considered? Say

Rules Committee - 6-18-12 that again.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Did you go through the exercise -- typically, when you go to give something out to a third-party you might want to find out if it's cheaper to do it in-house or if it's cheaper to give it out to somebody else who is making a profit, deservedly so, they're in business to make a profit. But my question is was it seriously considered and what happened if it was? Since the programs reach the extent of so many cameras, it might not make sense to bring it in-house.

MR. RICH: If I may. My name is Dave
Rich. I'm the assistant executive director. I
was here when they first started the program. We
did explore that. We felt that the current
solution was the best because it was the least
amount of outlay. Just to set the camera
equipment up alone is \$15 million, plus the
program --

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Which is a capital expense. But my question is did you consider it again now --

MR. RICH: For the amendment, no.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Okay. I think we ought to have.

I'm done.

CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Legislator Wink.

LEGISLATOR WINK: Whether intentionally or otherwise, actually I think this is a follow-up to Legislator Kopel's questions in reverse.

when these cameras were first being installed throughout the country, one of the major issues that seemed to come up was that a number of these companies had financial incentives to have more violations issued, and I suspect that may well be the same case if the county were to run the system. But my question is if we're doing this on a percentage of violations, where are the checks and balances to ensure that these companies are not then jetting up the numbers for the purposes of getting a higher return.

JUDGE MARKS: The checks and balances is that we have a staff of technicians at TPVA who must approve each and every violation. The current system works -- let's say there are ten events captured. Those ten events go to Arizona.

2 never received one of these violations. But I

3 can tell you in many cities throughout the

4 country, 10, 12 years ago, they were in fact

5 | rescinding their legislation and getting rid of

6 these cameras because of this very fact, because

7 | they made it profit based for the private

8 contractors to actually create more violations

9 | than may have actually existed. That's a fact.

10 | That's on the record.

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I understand the checks and balances. My question becomes are our technicians seeing the raw feed or are they seeing whatever Arizona sends back to them in whatever format it comes back?

Still photos immediately before and after and an identifying photo, and it indicates a time, and then there is a video and a video time is sequential with the first photo and what is the last photo. So it's real time when you're looking at the first photo that says it was taken at 002 and the next one is 014. It shows we have a 12 second video.

LEGISLATOR WINK: And our technicians

can independently verify the full 12 seconds as opposed to some sort of stop action or something.

JUDGE MARKS: They must. We have an affidavit -- one of the parts of the evidence needed to go forward with the hearing is their technicians indicating that.

LEGISLATOR WINK: Look. I am still a little bit concerned, when you have the proper motive on the part of the private contractor.

And I appreciate the check and balance of having TPVA technicians actually reviewing this stuff.

I just want to make sure that as much as possible that we are guaranteeing that they are seeing the actual factual footage as opposed to what the contractor is just providing.

JUDGE MARKS: It is. Personally, I believe that the percentage puts the field in our favor.

LEGISLATOR WINK: Okay.

JUDGE MARKS: We're paying for a camera not matter what it does. If we say to them the camera has made its success here, this is now an almost 100 percent safe intersection, we'd like to move this camera. Well, we can do that.

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LEGISLATOR WINK: Okay.

JUDGE MARKS: That's \$55,000 per camera to move it.

LEGISLATOR WINK: Look. One of the things I like is that I know New York City's program is such that they have many, many more intersections that are potentially covered by cameras than at any given moment are actually I think that that has a similar covered. deterrent effect as actually having the cameras at the intersections, because you never know when the camera's there versus being utilized in a separate borough. And I think that as we get to a point where more and more intersections are potentially covered by cameras, we do have people who are changing their driving habits, in some cases changing their routes, which may or may not have the desired effect. But certainly I think there are a growing number of people who change their driving habits and that ultimately is for the good of all of us because it makes for safer intersections.

JUDGE MARKS: That's absolutely correct.

And the difference between Nassau County and New

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2	York City is that 12 second video.
3	LEGISLATOR WINK: Understood.
4	Understood. And I think that's a good thing.
5	And I thank you very much for that.
б	LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: For the record,
7	Judge, I've never received a ticket but my car
8	has.
9	JUDGE MARKS: My wife never received
10	one, her car has but I had to pay for it.
11	LEGISLATOR WALKER: And if we're telling
12	all, Judge, I did receive one.
13	JUDGE MARKS: I just wish that maybe if
14	you want to keep that up we can help close the
15	budget.
16	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Any public comment?
17	(No verbal response.)
18	All those in favor of E-138 please
19	signify by saying aye.
20	(Aye.)
21	Any opposed?
22	(No verbal response.)
23	The item carries unanimously.
24	JUDGE MARKS: Thank you.
25	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Thank you.

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2	E-139 I've never gotten one of those
3	things yet either, for the record. Good thing.
4	LEGISLATOR WINK: No, but you did get a
5	flat tire recently.
6	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: I certainly did get a
7	flat tire. I don't have a videotape to see if
8	you did it.
9	LEGISLATOR WINK: But we do know who
10	fixed it, so it's okay.
11	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: E-139, a contract
12	between DPW and Envisurage.
13	May I have a motion, please?
14	LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.
15	LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.
16	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Motion by Legislator
17	Walker, seconded by Legislator Muscarella.
18	MR. LIPPMAN: Good afternoon. Sam
19	Lippman from the County Attorney's Office.
20	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Good afternoon, Mr.
21	Lippman.
22	MR. LIPPMAN: How are you?
23	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Good.
24	MR. LIPPMAN: Long day for everyone.
25	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Actually, it's almost

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MR. LIPPMAN: Mark Ash is our transportation consultant. His company Envisurage guided us through the transition from Long Island Bus to Veolia, which we actually accomplished the privatization of the bus and so far it's gone extremely well.

The amendment before you does three things: It extends the contract to December 2012, it adds money to the contract, and it extends the scope of services to allow Mr. Ash to play a support role to the newly formed transit committee, which I serve as counsel. And that's why I'm here before you, because it's transit committee related.

That's really it, unless we have any questions.

CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Do we have any questions? Legislator Jacobs.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay. My first question would be why is the increase necessary?

MR. LIPPMAN: He had a base contract in

May of last year for \$25,000. We all know that this contract negotiation was pretty fast paced

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2 and came to conclusion right before we were

3 | losing the MTA, after they asked for an

4 | additional \$26 million. The money that was spent

5 | in that initial contract was used up, if I could

6 use that term. He kept billing for additional

7 money. The money that we're adding to the

8 contract would cover the outstanding cost or

9 | bills, I should say, and it would also add money

10 | through the end of this year to support the

11 | transit committee.

I plan on using him on an as-needed basis. I'm not telling this legislature or this committee that all the money that we're going to add to this contract, I plan on using. I'm going to use it when I need to use it, and when the transit committee needs guidance on certain issues.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: All right. And then let me ask you this. How much time and expertise do you expect to use for Able Ride?

MR. LIPPMAN: Mr. Ash ran the bus company up in Rochester, New York; I think that was part of it. We also have an advocate on the committee, Mr. Hammerman, who is our physically

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2	challenged advocate who deals a lot with the Able
3	Ride issue. Again, I don't know what the
4	committee is going to need and what request
5	they're going to make. Having Mr. Hammerman
6	there so far has been a big asset. How much
7	we're going to need Mr. Ash is a question to be
8	answered later.
9	LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay. Thank you.
10	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Any other questions?
11	(No verbal response.)
12	Any public comment?
13	(No verbal response.)
14	All those in favor of E-139 please
15	signify by saying aye.
16	(Aye.)
17	Any opposed?
18	(No verbal response.)
19	The item carries unanimously.
20	MR. LIPPMAN: Thank you.
21	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Thank you.
22	We're going to take a motion to suspend
23	the rules. Can I have a motion, please?
24	LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.
25	LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

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2	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by Legislator
3	Walker, seconded by Legislator Muscarella.
4	All those in favor of suspending the
5	rules please say aye.
6	(Aye.)
7	Any opposed?
8	(No verbal response.)
9	The rules are suspended.
10	We're going to go to the addendum.
11	I'm going to call together E-71 and E-
12	130, which are two contracts, one between the
13	county attorney and Robert J. Bishop for lobbying
14	purposes, and the other between the county
15	attorney and Meara Avella Dickinson, representing
16	the county during the legislative session.
17	I'll take a motion, please.
18	LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.
19	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by Legislator
20	Muscarella.
21	LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.
22	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Seconded by
23	Legislator Walker.
24	MR. NOCELLA: Joseph Nocella, Deputy
25	County Attorney. With respect to both items, Mr.

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2	Bishop had been our lobbyist up in Albany, and
3	this contract, in effect, is a successor
4	contract. With respect to Meara Avella, they
5	previous provided similar services in the past,
6	as explained in the procurement policy. They
7	were also selected to provide lobbying services.
8	I'll take any questions.
9	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Any questions for Mr.
10	Nocella?
11	(No verbal response.)
12	Any public comment?
13	(No verbal response.)
14	All those in favor of these two contracts
15	please indicate by saying aye.
16	(Aye.)
17	Any opposed?
18	(No verbal response.)
19	The items carry unanimously.
20	Thank you, Mr. Nocella.
21	We have Item 369, which is a bond to
22	authorize borrowing of up to \$40,800,000 to
23	finance payments to our residents and commercial
24	property owners to refund county, town, school
25	district, and special district shares of

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2	liability dating back several years.
3	May I have a motion, please?
4	LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.
5	LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.
6	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by Legislator
7	Walker, seconded by Legislator Muscarella.
8	Go ahead.
9	MR. VOLK: Good evening, legislators.
10	Martin Volk, Deputy County Attorney.
11	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: So we know what this
12	is.
13	Anybody have any questions for Mr. Volk?
14	(No verbal response.)
15	Any public comment?
16	LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Are we doing 369?
17	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: 369, yes.
18	LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I'd like to ask some
19	questions.
20	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Legislator Jacobs.
21	LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay. Hi.
22	MR. VOLK: Good evening, legislator.
23	LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Let me ask you a
24	question. Were you here through today?
25	MR. VOLK: Yes. I was.

Interim Finance Authority has indicated to the

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2	county executive that he cannot use that, even
3	though they allowed County Executive Suozzi to do
4	the same thing. That's a fight for another day,
5	I guess.
6	LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay.
7	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Any other?
8	(No verbal response.)
9	Any public comment?
10	(No verbal response.)
11	All those in favor of Item 369 please
12	indicate by saying aye.
13	(Aye.)
14	Any opposed?
15	(Nay.)
16	Let the record show that the item carries
17	four votes in favor, three votes opposed; four
18	votes in favor by the majority, three votes in
19	opposition by the minority.
20	There being no other business to come
21	before the Rules Committee, I'll take a motion to
22	adjourn.
23	LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.
24	LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.
25	CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by Legislator

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     Muscarella, seconded by Legislator Walker.
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I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby state:

THAT I attended at the time and place above mentioned and took stenographic record of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate transcript of the same and the whole thereof, according to the best of my ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 30^{th} day of June, 2012.

FRANK GRAY